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SUBJ: CSCE: ROMANIAN RESERVE ON JOURNALISTS

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1. ROMANIAN DEPUTY DELEGATION HEAD NEAGU TOLD US PRIVATELY JUNE 25 THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY RAISED QUESTION OF ROMANIAN RESERVATION ON JOURNALISTS TEXT WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DURING A MEETING WITH HIM OVER THE WEEKEND. AS A RESULT, NEAGU SAID, HE COULD TELL US, "FOR US EARS ONLY" THAT ROMANIANS WOULD ACCEPT JOURNALISTS TEXT AS IT STANDS AS SOON AS THEIR NON-USE OF FORCE (NUF) PAPER HAS BEEN AGREED. NEAGU INDICATED HIS DELEGATION HAS A CERTAIN DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON JOURNALISTS EARLIER, IF SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IS SHOWN ON THE NUF PROPOSAL.

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2. IN ORDER TO PLEASE ROMANIANS AND SOFTEN UP THEIR
OPPOSITION ON JOURNALISTS, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR LAST
TWO WEEKS TO MOVE DRAFTING OF THEIR NUF PAPER FORWARD.
ROMANIANS ARE AWARE OF THIS AND TELL US THAT IT IS THEIR
APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS WHICH HAS LEAD TO THEIR
NEW FLEXIBILITY. HOWEVER, MAIN OPPOSITION TO ROMANIAN
NUF PAPER IS FRG, WHICH IS STILL TRYING TO DELETE PARTS
OF IT WHICH HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BUT WHICH DUPLICATE
LANGUAGE IN PRINCIPLES DECLARATION ITSELF. FRG POSITION
MAY BE LARGELY TACTICAL, BUT IT HAS LIMITED PROGRESS ON
NUF PAPER THUS FAR.

3. ROMANIAN INDICATION THAT THEY CAN ACCEPT JOURNALISTS
TEXT IN THE END IS GOOD NEWS AND WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT
INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF NUF PAPER.
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